

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
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Secretary Mayorkas,

We are contacting you regarding the ongoing crisis at the Southern border. Throughout your tenure, you have exceeded record after record concerning levels of illegal immigration into the United States. Data provided by U.S. Customs Border Protection (USCBP) showed 2.3 million illegal border crossings in 2022 alone, 644,258 more than in 2021. This figure is also over 1.9 million more than in 2020. Illegal crossing unimpeded into the United States is entirely unacceptable. By willfully failing to maintain border security you have violated The Secure Fence Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-367)¹.

Through your conscious inaction in response to the crisis at the Southern border you have also violated The Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.)². Your inability or unwillingness to contain it is equally so and is an example of your dereliction of duty.

The record level of illegal immigration unfairly burdens the great state of Texas. While you live in Washington, D.C., far from the chaos the Biden Administration has created, border states suffer. Our cities are overburdened, flooded with illegal drugs, and inundated with crime. are deeply concerned you care more about furthering the Biden Administration's liberal agenda than the safety and security of the people of the United States and our border. The Department of Homeland Security states the purpose of the Secretary is to "secure and manage our borders"³. You have failed to do this job. Additionally, you have shown a complete ineptitude or unwillingness to fix the problems your policies have created.

To get serious about securing our Southern border, we must pivot how we handle it. We must reimplement President Trump's border policies that led to the most secure border in 30 years. We must give our border patrol and customs agents the funding they need. We must update our decades-old immigration laws so that our laws incentives legal immigration and disincentives illegal immigration. We are a country of Law and Order, not lawlessness.


¹ *GPO.gov*, Government Publishing Office, "The Secure Fence Act of 2006," January 10, 2023.

² *GPO.gov*, Government Publishing Office, "The Immigration and Nationality Act," January 10, 2023.

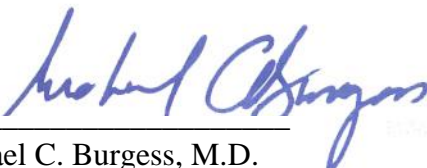
³ *DHS.gov*, Department of Homeland Security, "Office of the Secretary," January 10, 2023.

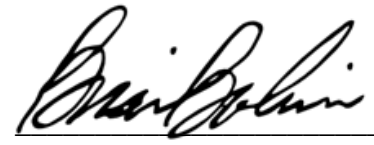
Therefore, we call on you to do what the position of Secretary of Homeland Security entails and begin putting the safety of the United States and its people ahead of your own misguided liberal policies.

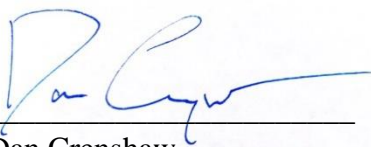
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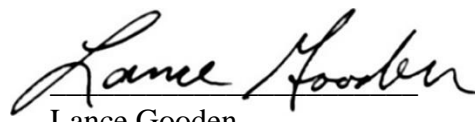

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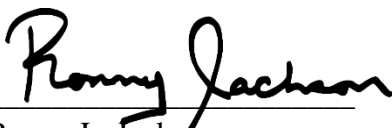

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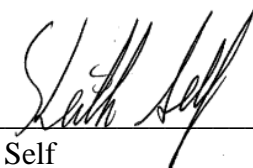

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